

Emergency Funding Needed for Medical Adult Day Care Centers

Hi

This is Becky – Administrative Director of Worldshine Adult Medical Day Care.

We are operating 3 large adult medical day care centers in Montgomery County, PG county and Frederick County serving around 400 participants. Our Frederick county center was opened 5 months ago.

I am urging you to provide additional funding in the proposed FY2024 for the medical adult day care industry. This week, the Maryland Department of Health confirmed that the administrative rate that has been allocated to medical adult day care centers to provide services to clients who are enrolled in medical adult day care but receiving limited services at home will cease on April 30th. This funding has been a lifeline to centers. The termination of this funding coupled with the elimination of the 4% federal ARPA funds (termination June 30th); the potential delay in additional rate increases (contingent on the increase in minimum wage); and the reduction in census contributed to delays in approving care plans will place many centers in financial hardship and could result in some not being able to continue to operate. For my center, without the administrative rate we will lose 20% of the revenue, with the greatly increased cost, we can not survive. For example, the ADA van's price was around 55,000 before 2020, the price of this year went up to 11,000 which is double the price before the pandemic. The people we are serving have high demand for ADA van. With this extremely high price we are not able to keep our center operative and not financial feasible.

Therefore, I urge you to provide additional funding for the medical adult day centers as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.